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Filing Date: April 30, 2001  
Applicant: Klaus G. Schmitt  
Group Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: Flemming Saether  
Title: Improved Weldable Aluminum Stud  
Attorney Docket: GER5272

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Accompanying this Amendment is an Associate Power of Attorney naming the undersigned as co-counsel.

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